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Group Art Unit : 2873
Examiner : Hung X. Dang

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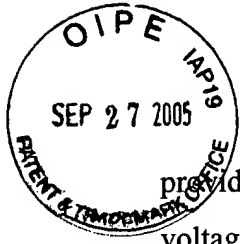
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

On page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states that "the prior art does not provide release of the device occurring when the difference between the values of the data voltage and the select voltage is below a second predetermined level *lowest*, and the device ...".

In response to the Examiner's reasons for allowability, the Applicant submits that the term "lowest" is not recited in Claim 5 as amended on November 13, 2001. See Applicant's Amendment Submitted With Request For Continued Examination, Page 6, submitted November 13, 2001. Hence, the term "lowest" does not contribute to a basis for allowability of Claim 5. Further, the Applicant submits that Claim 5 is allowable for at least the reasons identified by the Examiner, subject to Applicant's foregoing clarification. More particularly, Claim 5 may be allowable for reasons in addition to those identified by the Examiner. Also, Applicant submits that the dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons forming a basis for allowing Claim 5. Thus, limitations in each of the claims dependent from Claim 5 may form an independent basis for allowability of the dependent claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, or need further information, that can be clarified or obtained by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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